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Witkos Announces STEAP Grant for Avon



HARTFORD – State Representative Kevin Witkos (R-Canton) today announced that the town of Avon would receive a substantial grant from the Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP).

The grant, in the amount of \$150,000, is being awarded to Avon for the purpose of acquiring and constructing a

handicap accessible playground on Buckingham Road.

The Avon Playgrounds for all Kids Inc. (PAK) has been trying to raise funds for three years to complete this part of the Buckingham Park project. PAK's mission is to fund and build fully accessible premier playgrounds that will be fun and challenging for children of all abilities.

"I deeply appreciate the consideration of Governor Rell in approving this grant," said Representative Witkos. "This playground with handicapped accessibility will be an important addition and the first of its kind in the town of Avon. No matter what their abilities are, children should be able to enjoy a playground."

The funding is expected to be approved at the Bond Commission's June 9^{th} meeting.